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SUBJECT: GETTING THROUGH ANOTHER FISHING SEASON

REF: QUITO 8229

1. DEPARTMENT VERY MUCH APPRECIATES YOUR THOUGHTFUL
TELEGRAM ON HOW WE CAN BEST AVOID ECUADOREAN SEIZURES OF
US TUNA BOATS DURING THE COMING FISHING YEAR. WE HAVE
THE FOLLOWING REACTIONS TO YOUR SUGGESTIONS IN PARA 7
REFTEL.

2. OES/OFA ON DECEMBER 15 CALLED AUGUST FELANDO OF
AMERICAN TUNABOAT ASSOCIATION (ATB) TO ENCOURAGE RESUMPTION
OF NEGOTIATIONS TO ENABLE GUAYAQUIL BRANCH OF BANK OF
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AMERICA TO UNDERWRITE LICENSING FEES. MR. FELANDO REACTED
POSITIVELY AND PROMISED TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS WITH
BANK OF AMERICA AND TO REPORT BACK. WE WILL LET
YOU KNOW WHAT DEVELOPS.

3. SINCE THE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION OF NEUTRALITY REGARDING
LICENSE PURCHASING IS WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT US GOVERNMENT

AND INDUSTRY, WE ARE INCLINED NOT TO ISSUE A THIRD LETTER.
IF THERE IS ANY CONFUSION IN THE GOE, EMBASSY SHOULD
ASSURE ECUADOREANS THAT USG POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED.

4. DEPARTMENT AND COMMERCE FISHERIES OFFICIALS ARE
PLANNING TRIP TO SAN DIEGO, TENTATIVELY AT END OF
JANUARY, TO RESUME 35TH MEETING OF INTER-AMERICAN
TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION MEETING AND 21ST INTERGOVERN-
MENTAL MEETING WHICH WERE SUSPENDED IN MEXICO CITY
OCTOBER 21. LICENSING BY RADIO WILL BE ONE OF THE
TOPICS DISCUSSED WITH ATB. DEPARTMENT WOULD WELCOME A
VISIT TO SAN DIEGO BY EMBOFF THEN OR EARLIER TO PROVIDE
EXPERT ADVICE ON THIS MATTER.

5. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEGROPONTE IS STILL
INTERESTED IN A VISIT TO QUITO, BUT NOT AS EARLY AS
JANUARY 12. TIMING DEPENDS ON INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT ON
DATES FOR SAN DIEGO MEETING DESCRIBED IN PARA 4 ABOVE.
DEPARTMENT WILL BE BACK TO YOU WITH A PROPOSED DATE AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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